

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4746–4754; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 600–602 were introduced. **Pages H4909–10**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4910–11**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4839**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:19 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4842**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H4844**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Venezuelan Human Rights and Democracy Protection Act: H.R. 4587, amended, to impose targeted sanctions on individuals responsible for carrying out or ordering human rights abuses against the citizens of Venezuela; **Pages H4844–50**

Amending the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom: H.R. 4028, amended, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to include the desecration of cemeteries among the many forms of violations of the right to religious freedom; **Pages H4850–51**

Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the freedom of assembly, expression, and religion and all fundamental human

rights and the rule of law for all its citizens: H. Res. 599, to urge the Government of the People's Republic of China to respect the freedom of assembly, expression, and religion and all fundamental human rights and the rule of law for all its citizens and to stop censoring discussion of the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations and their violent suppression, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 379 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 241; **Pages H4851–56, H4866–67**

Hermiston Reversionary Interest Release Act: H.R. 3366, amended, to provide for the release of the property interests retained by the United States in certain land conveyed in 1954 by the United States, acting through the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, to the State of Oregon for the establishment of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center of Oregon State University in Hermiston, Oregon; **Pages H4856–58**

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act: H.R. 503, amended, to authorize the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 370 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 242; **Pages H4858–60, H4867–68**

Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act: S. 611, to make a technical amendment to the T'uf Shur Bien Preservation Trust Area Act; **Pages H4860–61**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training: H.R. 2527, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to provide veterans with counseling and treatment for sexual trauma that occurred during inactive duty training; **Page H4861**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2942, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reestablish the Professional Certification and Licensure Advisory Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Pages H4861–63

Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014: H.R. 4261, to improve the research of Gulf War Illness and the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses. **Pages H4863–66**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H4866**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy in Isla Vista California, as well as their families, friends, and the University of California at Santa Barbara community. **Page H4867**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 4660, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Consideration is expected to continue tomorrow, May 29th. **Pages H4868–H4908**

Agreed to:

Lynch amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by \$3,000,000 for drug courts; **Pages H4880–81**

Reichert amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services by \$110,000,000 for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers; **Pages H4882–83**

Langevin amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within the Bureau of Industry and Security for the National Institute of Science and Technologies to conduct a cybersecurity survey; **Pages H4884–85**

Gibson amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Interagency Crime and Drug Enforcement by \$4,000,000; **Pages H4887–88**

Nugent amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by \$4,000,000 for mental health courts and a veterans treatment courts program; **Pages H4890–91**

Moore amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Administrative Review and Appeals by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4899–H4900**

Sinema amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Office on Violence Against Women by

\$1,000,000 for grants to reduce violent crimes against women on campus; **Page H4900**

Brownley (CA) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by \$1,000,000 for a veterans treatment courts program; **Pages H4901–02**

McKinley amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the International Trade Commission by \$1,500,000 for legal and technical assistance to small businesses; **Page H4902**

Lujan Grisham (NM) amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by \$2,000,000 for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants; **Pages H4902–03**

Coffman amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys by \$1,000,000; **Pages H4903–04**

Lee amendment that increases funding, by offset, for State and local law enforcement assistance by \$3,000,000 for offender reentry programs and research; and **Pages H4904–05**

Fleming amendment that reduces funding for Department of Justice, Legal Activities, Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities by \$866,000 and applies the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H4906–08**

Rejected:

Davis (CA) that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$3,000,000; **Pages H4881–82**

Kildee amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the International Trade Administration by \$8,000,000; **Pages H4883–84**

McDermott amendment that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$3,000,000 for fisheries; **Pages H4891–92**

Holt amendment that sought to redirect \$37,450,000 within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for climate change research; and **Pages H4892–95**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Commerce by \$596,000 and apply the savings to the spending reduction account. **Pages H4898–99**

Withdrawn:

Cicilline amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have included grants for economic development assistance authorized under section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 and **Page H4885**

Bonamici amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have redirected \$9,000,000 in funding within the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration for ocean acidification research. **Pages H4895–97**

Proceedings Postponed:

Pompeo amendment that seeks to eliminate funding for the Economic Development Administration and apply the \$247,500,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H4885–87**

McNerney amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Community Oriented Policing Services by \$3,000,000 for improvements in technology; **Paged H4888–89**

Bridenstine amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by \$12,000,000 for weather research; **Pages H4889–90**

Thompson (CA) amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System by \$19,500,000; **Pages H4897–98**

King (IA) amendment that seeks to redirect \$5,000,000 in funding within Salaries and Expenses, General Administration, Department of Justice; and **Pages H4900–01**

Cohen amendment that seeks to increase funding, by offset, for Administrative Review and Appeals by \$2,000,000. **Pages H4905–06**

H. Res. 585, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4660) and (H.R. 4435), was agreed to on Tuesday, May 20th.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4866–67, H4867–68. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 12:11 a.m. on Thursday, May 29th.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a markup on Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2015. The bill passed out of subcommittee, without amendment.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 4299, the “Improving Regulatory Transparency for New Medical Therapies Act”; H.R. 4709, the “Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act”; and H.R. 4631, the “Combating Autism Reauthorization Act of 2014”. The bills H.R. 4299 and H.R. 4709 were ordered reported, without amendment. The bill H.R. 4631 was ordered reported, as amended.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on legislation regarding Promoting New Manufacturing Act.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee concluded markup on H.R. 4186, the “Frontiers in Innovation, Research, Science, and Technology Act of 2014”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing to receive witness testimony related to committee subpoena. Testimony was heard from Thomas Lynch, M.D., Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joan Mooney, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Michael Huff, Congressional Relations Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies, 9 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, markup on legislation regarding Promoting New Manufacturing Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1771, to improve the enforcement of sanctions against the Government of North Korea, and for other purposes; and H.R. 4449, to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to expand the training for Federal Government personnel related to trafficking in persons, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing entitled “Energy Needs in Asia: The U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas Option”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation Security, hearing entitled “Lessons from the LAX Shooting: Airport and Law Enforcement Perspectives”, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2175, the “World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013”; H.R. 2569, the “Upper Missisquoi and Trout Wild and Scenic Rivers Act”; H.R. 3606, the “Emigrant Wilderness Historical Use Preservation Act of 2013”; H.R. 4296, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands; H.R. 4350, the “Northern Cheyenne Lands Act”; and

H.R. 4742, the “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled “Pseudo-Classification of Executive Branch Documents: Problems with the Transportation Security Administration’s Use of the Sensitive Security Information Designation”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 4681, the “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015”; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act FY 2015, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Process”, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Will EPA’s ‘Waters of the United States’ Rule Drown Small Businesses?”, 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Assessing Inadequacies in VA Data Usage for and Services Provided to Visually-Impaired Veterans”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Defined Expectations: Evalu-

ating VA’s Performance in the Servicemember Transition Process”, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on the following legislation: H.R. 2807, the “Conservation Easement Incentive Act of 2013”; H.R. 4619, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the rule allowing certain tax-free distributions from individual retirement accounts for charitable purposes; H.R. 4719, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory; H.R. 3134, the “Charitable Giving Extension Act”; H.R. 4691, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the tax rate for excise tax on investment income of private foundations; and H.R. 4718, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and make permanent bonus depreciation, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on the use of psychotropic medications among children in foster care, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Technical and Tactical Intelligence report; member access requests; and hearing entitled “Ongoing Intelligence Activities” 10 a.m., 304-HVC. A portion of the business meeting will close; and the hearing is closed.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Friday, May 30

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 29

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 4660—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015.

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